

The Tragidie

Cat. He will doe all in all as Hastings doth.
Buc. Well then no more but this :
Go gentle Catesby, and as it were a farre off,
Sound Lord Hastings, how he stands affected
Vnto our purpose, If he be willing,
Encourage him and shew him all our reasons :
If he be leaden, Icie, cold, vnwilling,
Be thou so too : and so breake off your talke,
And giue vs notice of his inclination,
For we to morrow hold deuided counsels,
Wherein thy selfe shal highly be employed.

Glo. Commend me to Lo. William, tell him Catesby
His ancient knot of dangerous aduersaries
To morow are let blood at Pomfret Castle,
And bid my friends for ioy of this good newes,
Giue gentile M^r. Shore one gentle kisse the more.

Buc. Good Catesby effect this busynesse soundly.

Cat. My good Lords both : with all the heede I may,

Glo. Shall wee heare from you Catesby ere wee slape?

Cat. You shall my Lord. *Exit Catesby*

Glo. At Crosby place, there shall you finde vs both.

Buc. Now my Lord what shall we doe if we perceiue
William Lord Hastings will not yeeld to our complots?

Glo. Chop off his head man, somewhat we wil' doe,

And looke when I am King, claime thou of mee

The Earledome of Herford and the mooucables

Whereof the King my brother stood possest.

Buc. Ile claime that promise at your hands.

Glo. And looke to haue it yealded with willingnesse.

Come let vs sup betimes, that afterwards

we may digest our complots in some forme. *Exeunt*

Enter a messenger to Lord Hastings. *Exeunt*

Mess. What ho my Lord.

Hast. Who knocks at the doore?

Mess. A messenger from the Lord Stanley. *Enter Lo. Hastings*

Hast. Whata a clocke?

Mess. Vpon the stroke of fourre.

Hast. Cannot thy master sleepe he tedious nights?

Mess. So it should seeme by that I haue to say :

of Richard the Third.

First he commands him to your noble Lordship.
Hast. And then. Mess. And then he sends you word,
He dreamt to night, the Boare had cast his helme:
Besides he fayes, there are two counse's held,
And that many be determined at the one,
Which may make you and him to rew at the other,
Therefore he sends to know your Lordships pleasure
If presently you will take horse with him,
And with all speedy post into the North,
To shun the danger that his soule diuines.

Hast. Good fellow goe returne vnto my Lord:
Bid him not feare the separated counsels:
His honour and my selfe are at the one,
And at the other is my seruant Catesby:
Where nothing can proceede that toucheth vs,
Whereof I shall not haue intelligence.
Tell him his feares are shallow wanting instancy.
And for his dreames I wonder he is so fond,
To trust the mockery of quiet slumbers.
To flee the Boare before the Boare persues vs,
Were to incense the Boare to follow vs,
And make pursuite where he did meane to chase:
Go bid thy master rise and come to me,
And wee will both together to the Tower,
Where he shall see the Boare will vs kindly,
Mess. My gracious Kord Ile tell him what you say. *Exit*.

Enter Catesby to Lord Hastings.

Cat. Many good morrowes to my noble Lord.

Hast. Good morrow Catesby : you are early stirring,

What newes, what newes in this our tottering state?

Cat. It is a reeling world indeede my Lord,

And I beleue twill neuer stand vpright

Till Richard weare the Garland of the Reme :

Hast. Wbo? weare the Garland? doest thou meane the
Cat. I my good Lord. *(Crown)*

Hast. Ile haue this crowne of mine, cut from my shoul-

Ere I will see the crowne so soule mi plaiete : *(ders)*

But canst thou gesle that he doth ay me at it?

Cat. Vpon my life my L. and hopes to finde you forward

